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*UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.*

By the will of Thomas Armstrong, of Plattsburgh, Union College is to receive between \$100,000 and \$150,000. It is required that the college shall endow a chair of sociology and offer a certain number of annual prizes and scholarships for the sons of Clinton County farmers.

MR. AUGUSTUS LOWELL has given the Massachusetts Institute of Technology \$50,000, to be used as the nucleus of a fund, the income of which shall be used for the benefit of the teaching staff of the Institute in cases of illness, death or retirement.

DALTON HALL, the chemical laboratory of Johns Hopkins University, has been damaged by fire. The top floor was almost destroyed and much injury was caused to the lower floors by water. The loss being estimated at \$12,000.

DR. THOS. H. MONTGOMERY has been appointed assistant professor of zoology in the University of Pennsylvania.

AT Cambridge University Mr. E. A. N. Arber, B.A., Trinity College, has been appointed demonstrator in paleobotany in the place of Mr. H. Woods, resigned.

DR. WILHELM MUTHMAN, assistant professor in the University of Munich, has been made professor of inorganic chemistry in the Polytechnic Institute.

DR. OTTO v. FURTH has qualified as docent in physiology in the university at Vienna, and Dr. Peter Polis for meteorology, and Dr. Mat Semper for anatomy in the Polytechnic Institute at Aachen.

AT the recent meeting of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Middle States and Maryland, a resolution was presented by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia University, and adopted, providing that the Association urge the early establishment of a joint college admission examination board, to be composed of representatives of colleges and preparatory schools in the Middle States and Maryland, and that the colleges be requested to cooperate in adopting a uniform standard of admission.

CLEVELAND ABBE, JR., Ph.D. (Johns Hopkins), and L. C. Glenn, Ph.D. (Johns Hopkins), are teaching physiography in South Carolina,

the former at the Winthrop Normal and Industrial College, Rock Hill, S. C., and the latter at South Carolina College, Columbia, S. C. Dr. Abbe also conducted a very successful class at Rock Hill in the summer of 1899. As a result of the support given to the subject and through the efforts of the instructors, a popular interest has been aroused that is most promising. It is hoped that continued effort may bring about a great betterment in geography teaching of all grades in the State.

IT will be remembered that the philosophical faculty of the University of Berlin refused to take action against Dr. Arons, docent for physics, who had been charged with taking part in socialist agitation. The minister of education thereupon appealed to the Court of second instance, presided over by the under-secretary of his own department and this Court now recommends that Dr. Arons should be deprived of his right to deliver lectures.

AN election to an Isaac Newton studentship at Cambridge University will be held in the Lent term, 1900. The studentship is of the annual value of £200 and is tenable for three years. It is open to members of the university under the age of 25 years on January 1, 1900, who have been admitted to the degree of B.A. It will be the duty of the student to devote himself during the tenure of the studentship to study or research in some branch of astronomy or of physical optics, according to a course proposed by himself and approved by the electors. Candidates must send in their applications with certificate of birth to the Vice-Chancellor between the 16th and 26th days of January next, together with testimonials and such other evidences as to their qualifications and their proposed course of study or research as they may think fit. Candidates are recommended to send with their applications an account of any work bearing on astronomy or physical optics on which they may have been engaged and to forward copies of any papers they may have published on those subjects. They should also furnish the electors with a clear statement of the course of study or research which they propose to pursue during the tenure of the studentship.